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1. POLCOUNS WAS ADVISED JUNE 22 BY HYUNDAI INDUSTRIES THAT HYUNDAI HAS COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS WITH AAI TO FABRICATE A MOCKUP OF THEIR PROPOSED VERSION OF THE KOREAN INDIGENOUS TANK (ROKIT). THEY WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATING JUNE 23 FOR THE ALTERNATE BIDDER'S MOCKUP. ONCE STATE'S APPROVAL GRANTED, WORK ON PHASE II OF THE ROKIT PROGRAM, I.E. CONSTRUCTION, SUBMISSION, AND EVALUATION OF TWO PROTOTYPES FOLLOWED BY SELECTION OF ONE AS THE ROKIT, WILL BEGIN BY FIRMS INVOLVED. PHASE II IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FOUR MONTHS.

2. AAI WILL BE APPROACHING STATE SHORTLY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN PHASE II. IN VIEW OF THE RIGOROUS DEADLINES FOR THIS PROJECT, HOPE STATE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPEDITE ACTION ON THIS APPLICATION. STERN

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